

**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
PERFORMANCE TRACK  
and  
THE GEORGIA POLLUTION PREVENTION  
ASSISTANCE DIVISION PARTNERSHIP  
BLUE RIBBON LEVEL**

National Environmental Performance Track and the Georgia Pollution Prevention Assistance Division Partnership (P<sup>2</sup>AD Partnership) are voluntary programs designed to foster and reward environmental excellence. Performance Track is a national EPA program and Georgia's P<sup>2</sup>AD Partnership is a statewide Department of Natural Resources program. This fact sheet summarizes and compares criteria for the Performance Track Program and the Blue Ribbon Partner Level of the P<sup>2</sup>AD Partnership (P<sup>2</sup>AD Partnership has four different levels: White, Yellow, Red, Blue). The comparison was completed using the Large Business and Government Institution Criteria of the P<sup>2</sup>AD program. For additional information on these programs or incentives, see program web sites or contact program coordinators.

**Common Program Criteria:**

- *EMS Components:* Common elements include: an EMS with a written policy; aspects analysis; planned targets and goals; and clear roles and responsibilities for meeting goals; plans for checking and correcting non-conformance issues; and documented management review.
- *EMS-Audit/Self-Assessment:* Members are expected to conduct regular EMS assessments and compliance audits.
- *EMS Independent Assessment:* An independent EMS assessment is to have taken place at the time of application.
- *EMS Cycle:* Facility should have one full cycle including implementation, evaluation, and review.
- *Annual Report:* Report must include EMS data and progress toward meeting goals, and include documentation that corrective action has been taken to address compliance and other EMS issues.
- *Past Performance:* Facility must demonstrate performance improvements in two indicators (1 indicator for small facilities), using standard indicators and a standard format.
- *Future Performance:* Facility must make a commitment to future environmental performance improvements in four indicators from at least two unique categories (2 indicators for small facilities). Facilities must make commitments to standard indicators using a standard reporting format, and must normalize future environmental performance.
- *Compliance Record:* Facility must pass a comprehensive compliance screen covering federal, state, and local regulations.
- *Self-Certification:* Senior facility manager must certify that all statements in application and Annual Performance Report are true, accurate, and complete.
- *Community Outreach:* Facility must provide a plan to identify and respond to local concerns and inform community of important matters that affect it.
- *Community References:* Facility must provide community references (e.g., member of a citizen group, union, local agency)
- *Membership Term:* Membership is for three years.

**Georgia Pollution Prevention Assistance Divisions Partnership - Blue Ribbon Level - Additional Criteria:**

- *EMS Components:* Facility must have developed cross-department environmental team, posted baseline environmental information at a central place, and commit to developing an environmental incentive program.
- *Application:* Facility must report baseline data for all environmental indicators (not just the commitment indicators).
- *Annual Report:* Facilities must describe approach used for determining significant aspects, and factors and criteria considered during the evaluation.
- *Future Performance:* Facility must commit to implementing at least two supply chain or environmentally preferable purchasing activities. In addition, facility must commit to implementing at least one sustainability activity: life cycle analysis, environmental cost accounting, ecosystem protection, green area maintenance, use of post-consumer feed stock, brownfields redevelopment, green building, or other P<sup>2</sup>AD approved activity.
- *Mentoring:* Facility must commit to completing at least two mentoring activities: outreach on P<sup>2</sup>AD membership, P<sup>2</sup> mentoring, guided facility tours, or other P<sup>2</sup>AD approved activity.
- *Community Outreach:* Facility must implement at least three of six activities: community meetings; reduction of noise, light, or odor; community waste reduction program; environmental education activities; habitat protection program; or other P<sup>2</sup>AD approved activity.
- *References:* Facility must provide federal and state regulatory contacts.

**Performance Track - Additional Criteria:**

- *Site Visits:* Periodic site visits are conducted as part of the program.

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